

**The Season of Pentecost    Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**Sunday, November 15, 2020    9:00 am**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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**Opening Hymn**

*God is Here! As We His People*

Text: Fred Pratt Green, b. 1903  
Tune: Abbot's Leigh, Cyrol Taylor 1907-1991

Verse 1: God is here as we His people Meet to offer praise and prayer  
May we find in fuller measure What it is in Christ we share  
Here as in the world around us All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of His Spirit Into open minds and hearts

Verse 2: Here are symbols to remind us Of our lifelong need of grace  
Here are table font and pulpit Here the cross has central place  
Here in honesty of preaching Here in silence as in speech  
Here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each

Verse 3: Here our children find a welcome In the Shepherd's flock and fold  
Here as bread and wine are taken Christ sustains us as of old  
Here the servants of the Servant Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living To believe and to adore

Verse 4: Lord of all of Church and Kingdom In an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel Help us work Your purpose out  
Here in this day's dedication All we have to give receive  
We who cannot live without You We adore You we believe

**Acclamation**

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

**Collect for Purity**

**Collect of the Day**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**The First Reading:** *Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18* <sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." <sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. <sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. <sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. <sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

**Psalm:** *Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12*

<sup>1</sup> **Lord, you have been our refuge \* from one generation to another.**

<sup>2</sup> **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup> **You turn us back to the dust and say, \* "Go back, O child of earth."**

<sup>4</sup> **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \* and like a watch in the night.**

<sup>5</sup> **You sweep us away like a dream; \* we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

<sup>6</sup> **In the morning it is green and flourishes; \* in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup> **For we consume away in your displeasure; \* we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.**

<sup>8</sup> **Our iniquities you have set before you, \* and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

<sup>9</sup> **[When you are angry, all our days are gone; \* we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

<sup>10</sup> **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; \*  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup> **Who regards the power of your wrath? \* who rightly fears your indignation?]**

<sup>12</sup> **So teach us to number our days \* that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**Second Reading:** *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11* Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**The Gospel:** *Matthew 25:14-30* Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

## The Sermon

*Jesu, Jesu*

Hymnal #602

*Chorus:* Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. (Chorus)
- 2 Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are nearby and far away. (Chorus)
- 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love. All are neighbors to us and you. (Chorus)
- 4 Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we were slaves; this is the way we should live with you. (Chorus)

Ghanian; tr. Thomas Colvin (b. 1925), alt.

## Prayers of the People

### Confession of Sin

pg. 360 in Book of Common Prayer

### The Peace

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## HOLY COMMUNION

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### Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People ***And also with you.***  
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***  
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***  
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .  
. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

People ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .  
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
***We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;***  
And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .  
. . . By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

## The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

### Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. ***Amen.***

### *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

**Verse 1:** Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The fruit of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us, his love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

**Verse 2:** With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing the children of each tribe and race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us, unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Music: [Omer Westendorf](#), Tune: Welsh folk melody; harm. Gerald H. Knight

### Postcommunion Prayer

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

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